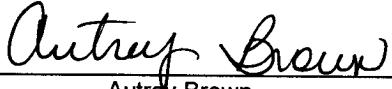


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**1. AMENDMENT (LISTING OF CLAIMS); AND**

**2. RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Non-Final Official Action (the "Action") dated September 27, 2006, for which the first date for response was December 27, 2006. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension brings the due date up to and including March 27, 2007, which is within the statutory period for reply. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary for any reason in connection with the present submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary amounts from Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 36689.140.

The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment and consider the remarks herein.